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THE EASTER EVANGELISTIC SERVICES—SPECIAL AN- NOUNCEMENTS.

The services will begin Sunday, March 17th. The pastor will be assisted in these meetings by his brother, Rev. R. C. Zartman and Rev. T. P. Potts. Dr. Zartman will be here for

the services Monday evening, March 18, and will continue with us until the following week. Rev. T. P. Potts will preach for us Thursday and Friday evening, March 28 and 29.

The Laymen's League will be active in these meetings. A resolution passed by the League Tuesday evening, March 12, is as follows:

Inasmuch as the Laymen's League is organized to do aggressive and effectual church work. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the League feel it a privilege and duty to co-operate in every way possible with the pastor to make our Easter service a success. We will make a special effort to attend all of the services and to secure the attendance of the men of the church and our friends who have no church home.

Thursday evening, March 20th, will be Young People's evening during the Easter services. We want all of the Endeavors and young people of the church and their friends at the services that evening.

Friday evening, March 22, will be Children's evening. We want the children of our families and of the Sunday school, together with the parents at the services. We want the children to invite their friends to come with them.

Saturday evening, March 23rd, Dr Zartman will give an illustrated lecture on his "Travels Through the Holy Land." The admittance will be a silver offering.

Sabbath, March 24th, will be a great day. There will be a special service for the young people and children at the Sunday School hour, 9:30. The pastor's brother will preach at 10:30 and 7:30. Special service for the Young People at 6:45. Pray for the services on that day.

We want good singing during these meetings. Everybody come to sing. We will have some special music by the male chorus and others. Mr. Wilbert is going to lay off to attend the service and will assist in the music with the cornet.

The expense of our meetings will be not less than \$50 including the traveling expenses of Dr. Zartman, light and fuel. Offerings will be received at each of the services. This will afford every-

one the opportunity to contribute liberally toward the expense of the meetings.

The pastor will preach on Palm Sunday, March 31st and will have charge of the services during Passion week. The general topic of the sermons will be the "Trial and Death of Jesus."

The ladies of the church will have an Easter market at the Union Pacific Tea Store on Saturday before Easter. We hope the members will respond with a liberal supply of all kinds of home baking. The young ladies of the church are asked to furnish home-made candies for the market. Everything should be brought to the rooms on Calhoun street at a very early hour on Saturday morning.

Easter Day announcements. April 7th, Sabbath School at 9:30. This will be an Easter service.

10:30. The communion service, Baptism and Reception of members. Special music by the choir.

7:30. The Chorus Choir will render a cantatta by Carrie B. Adams, entitled, "Easter Praises."

Easter offering. The Sunday School scholars and members of the church will all be furnished special envelopes for the Easter offering. This offering will be applied on our apportionment. We hope for a liberal offering.

THE CHURCH DEBT.

We know that the people who have been working hard to liquidate the debt on Grace church are always anxious for good news. Well, we have something good to tell you, and something still better in the very near future we trust. Since the first of January we have paid on the mortgage note of the church \$1,121.96. Of this amount \$1,091.76 was on the principal, leaving a balance of only \$78.76. We feel quite confident that a sufficient amount still unpaid on pledges for the debt will soon be paid in, so that we

can have our "Mortgage Burning," within a few weeks. Some of the members who have incidentally learned of the cutting down of the indebtedness to \$78.76, have said, "It is too good to be true."

It is true all the same and what is still better, is that the debt and organ fund keeps on growing. We hope to see all of the pledges for the debt soon paid in full, so we shall be able to know what amount we shall have for the organ fund.

At a meeting of the consistory held a short time ago, the question was asked by one of the members, "How about the Carnegie proposition. How long will that hold good?" No definite answer could be given. Life is very uncertain. As long as Mr. Carnegie is here to fulfill his agreements we are safe. We are, however, running a great risk every moment. As a business proposition the church cannot afford to take such risks. If Grace church ever expects to have an organ, this is its day of opportunity. Let us be wise and act quickly. Those who have already given pledges we hope will arrange to pay the amounts still unpaid as soon as possible. Some who have already paid to the debt and organ fund are going to give again in order to get the organ. We are sure those who have not yet given will be ready to do their very best. Let us have a united effort and see what great things we can accomplish and let us for once know the importance of acting quickly.

We have for weeks been praying and planning for our Easter services. We are exceedingly anxious about them. The Easter services have usually been a great blessing and uplift to our people and have many times resulted in a harvest of souls. We hope the coming meetings will bring us a great revival. God will send us a

Pentecost, if we will pray and work for it.

We must not forget that the success of a meeting does not wholly depend upon the preaching. The preaching of a most efficient Evangelist sometimes fails, because the conditions in the church and community are not right. Jesus went to Nazareth to minister to his own people, but he did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. He stands at the door and knocks, but he does not enter. The door must be swung open, then he will come in and spread his feast. He stands at the grave of Lazarus, he weeps with the broken-hearted sisters, he has power to call forth the dead brother, but he does not. The stone rolled up against the sepulcher is in the way. He commands the stone to be removed, then he calls the dead to come forth. He stands at the door of the church today, he knocks and pleads for admittance; he pleads to come in, and bring life and resurrection to the church, but the door is shut.

The message of John the Baptist was the message of repentance. He was, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." If the way is not prepared, the Lord will not come. "Showers of blessing" may fall upon others, but they will not come upon us. The mighty Savior may call another church out of its tomb of spiritual lethargy and death, but Grace church may not have a resurrection day. For other churches there may be a harvest of souls, but the Lord of the harvest may pass us by and the lamentation will be, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved."

Dr. Charles Goodell says, "It was a prepared man, a prepared message and a prepared church that received and answered to the first Pentecost."

We heartily endorse this statement. If Pentecost is to repeat itself today in any church, conditions must be right. There must be a prepared messenger, a prepared message, and a prepared church, a preacher filled with the Holy Spirit, and a message authenticated by the Spirit, but there must also be a church ready and waiting for the Baptism of the Spirit.

Until a church feels the need of a revival, it will not have a Pentecost. The church at Laodicea was blind to her real spiritual condition; she boasted of her wealth and knew not her poverty. She was wretched and miserable and poor, and blind, and naked and knew it not. The Lord of Power and Salvation stood outside of her door pleading for admittance. This church was self-deceived. This is true of churches today and in their self-righteousness and deception, they do not realize how deplorable their conditions really are, and it is not until "they come to themselves" and know their poverty and need, that their is any hope of a Pentecost for them.

Dr. Finney says one of the first conditions of a revival is "devout prayer." Pentecost came in answer to prayer. When the disciples came back from the Mount of Ascension, they went up into an upper room and all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication until the day of Pentecost was fully come. Do we want a Pentecost? Then there must be earnest and united prayer.

The church must get right with God. There must be penitence and confession of sin. There must be surrender and consecration to the Lord. There must be deep searching of the heart. One cherished and unconfessed sin, will bar the way for the Spirit's work. Man must get right with his fellow man. You need not expect a Pentecost in your own heart if you are at enmity with your fellow man. If there

is bitterness in your heart toward any one, the Holy Spirit will not dwell in your heart. Remember that you are not any more right with God than you are with your fellow man. The first Pentecost came when the whole church was of one mind and one heart.

Do we want a blessing, a Pentecost, a harvest of souls, as the result of our Easter services? Then let us be earnest in prayer, get right with God, and our fellow men. Let us be in earnest about the spiritual uplift of the church and the salvation of our friends. Pray for the services, come to every meeting, bring your unsaved friends with you.

DEATHS.

Albert P. Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick, departed this life Thursday night, February 22. He was a fireman on the Erie railroad. He came to his death by accident at the crossing of Erie railroad and Cloverleaf. He was born at Kendallville, September 29, 1891. He was married to Miss Loretta Blondell, January 19, 1911. The wife, his father and mother, two brothers and four sisters survive him. The remains were brought to the home of his parents in this city on Barthold street, where a brief service was held on Monday afternoon, February 24, after which the body was taken to Kendallville, where the funeral service was conducted by the pastor in the Christian church.

Mrs. Barbara Smith Eberwine passed peacefully into the eternal home on Wednesday morning, March 13th, at half past nine o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Kessler, 1213 East Lewis street. She was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Aug. 4, 1831. She was aged 80 years, 7 month and 9 days. She had been failing in strength for the past two or more years and for nearly a year has been confined to her room for the greater part of the time. She was not suffering from any partic-

ular ailment; it was simply that she was each day coming nearer to the end of life's journey, and nearer the Father's house on the other side. Mrs. Eberwine came to America in 1852 and located in Sandusky, Ohio. The following year, June, 1853, she was united in marriage to Jacob Eberwine. This union was blessed with ten children. The husband died April 24, 1899, eleven years ago she came to this city to make her home with her daughter. She united with the Lutheran church in her childhood and has always been a devout, earnest Christian woman. Since living in this city she has worshipped with us, and greatly enjoyed the fellowship with the people of Grace church. She was a very thoughtful and estimable woman and was securely grounded in her Christian faith and life. It was a great pleasure to the pastor to minister to this saintly old mother, not only because she so fully appreciated our pastoral visits and prayers with her, but because of her earnest devout spirit. For many months she has been eagerly waiting for the summons from on high, when she might go to be forever with the Lord. The end came peacefully. As a little child falls asleep in its mother's arms, so this mother passed into that sleep which knows no waking. She leaves to mourn her death four children, Mrs. Henry Kessler and Mr. Henry Eberwine of this city; Mr. John Eberwine of Lima and Mrs. Rachel Bing of Toledo; also twelve grand children and four great grand children. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor on Friday evening, March 15 at the home on Lewis street and on the following day the family took the remains to Sandusky city for burial. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

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Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS.

March 17—Success worth having and not worth having. Dan. 4:28-37, Mrs. D. F. Knot.

March 24—The Saloon and its Allies. Hal. 2:1-17, George Scheiffer.

March 31—The Foreign Missions of My Denomination. birds-eye view. Matt. 28:16-20. Ruth Gumper.

March 21—The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank More, East Jefferson street.

Scripture lesson, Ps. 30:1-12. Mrs. Rudisill. Prayer for the negroes. Mountain Whites and Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Mission study. Topic, The Race Problem. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion), Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. J. H. Straub.

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